

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	47699	Agenda Number	59.
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Meeting Date:	8/20/2015	Department:	Austin Water Utility
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on growth-related projects within the Drinking Water Protection Zone to be included in the FY 2015-2016 Capital Budget.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	January 17, 2013-Council approved Ordinance No. 20130117-017 amending the Austin Water Utility Financial Policies Adopted with the Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) to provide for a revised Austin Water Utility Financial Policy No. 8
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	<p>May 12, 2015- Recommended by the Planning Commission on a 7-0-0-2 vote with Commissioners Chimenti and Oliver absent.</p> <p>May 19, 2015-Recommended by the Resource Management Commission on a 4-0-0-3 vote with Commissioners Amato, Hsieh and Metzger absent.</p> <p>June 2, 2015- Recommended by the Zoning and Platting Commission on a 5-0-1 with Commissioner Goodman voting against and one vacancy.</p> <p>June 3, 2015- Recommended by the Environmental Board on a 7-0-0-0 vote.</p> <p>June 10, 2015- Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 4-0-1-2 with Commissioner Clark abstaining and Commissioners Castleberry and Lee absent.</p>
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

On January 17, 2013, City Council approved an ordinance revising Austin Water Utility Financial Policy # 8 related to the review of growth-related capital improvement projects located within the Drinking Water Protection Zone (DWPZ). This revision eliminates inconsistencies between City financial policy and state law and requires reviews of DWPZ capital improvement projects by various boards and commissions as part of the budget development process.

The revision also requires a public hearing be held during the City's annual budget review process to provide citizens and additional opportunity to comment on growth-related projects within the DWPZ.

Capital improvement projects for new water and wastewater treatment plants, capital expansions, and growth-related projects that are located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone (DWPZ) were identified and submitted, as part of the annual budget process, to the following Boards and Commissions: Water and Wastewater Commission, Resource Management Commission, Environmental Board, Planning Commission, and the Zoning and Platting Commission.

These Boards and Commissions reviewed growth-related DWPZ capital projects spending plans, provided input, reviewed consistency with the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, reviewed effect on growth within the DWPZ, and made recommendations on projects. All Boards and Commissions approved the inclusion of DWPZ projects in Austin Water Utility's 5-year capital spending plan.

A public hearing will be held during the City's annual budget review process to provide citizens an additional opportunity to comment on growth related projects located within the DWPZ.